

Town of Lincoln

Budget Board Meeting

April 2, 2015

Present:

Carl Brunetti Chris Weggeland Bill DiBiasio Bill McManus Richard Foster Mike Babbitt Paul Deutsch Bob Turner Rhonda Lacombe Mike O'Connell

Absent: Felix Fernandes

Call to Order

The meeting began at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of April 1st were distributed for review.

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Richard Foster, to accept the minutes.

The minutes were approved by a vote of 9-0 with Mike Babbitt abstaining as he was not present on April 1st.

Correspondence

The Budget Board did receive some answers to their questions to the School Department regarding FTEs and the cost of Charter School Tuitions.

The School Department also forwarded an estimate and details of a recommendation for the Security Study, which was for \$6,000 per school (excluding the High School) for a total of \$30,000.

The Budget Board communicated with the Town Administrator to make him aware of their recommendation to move \$75,000 from the Public Works, Central Services Budget to the Recycling Department and also that they voted against reconsidering their recommendation against the purchase of the Open Space at the Jergensen Property, to which they received an email in response.

The Ferguson Field bids have been received and opened.

They included the project in its entirety, with the exception of the Concession Stands, and ranged from about \$2.1 million to \$2.57 million

The bids will be reviewed by the Capital Committee on Tuesday, April 7th and it will be narrowed down to three contractors who will then be chosen as semi-finalists for the job to be looked at in more depth and to make sure the scope of work matches before a final contractor is decided upon.

The quotes for the bleachers and press box all came in over \$300,000.

Public Comment

There were no public comments or questions at the time.

Business

Municipal Budget

Department 4400 - Public Works, Central Services

- Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Mike Babbitt, that the total Central Services budget be recommended at \$3,122,695.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Department 5000 - Recycling

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Mike O'Connell, that the total Recycling budget be recommended at \$250,246.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Richard Foster, to add note in the recycling budget regarding Recycling Privatization as worded by the Budget Board.

motion passed by unanimous vote.

Expense Recap

Municipal Operating Budget

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Richard Foster, that the Total Municipal Operating Budget be recommended at \$19,589,871 for an increase of \$515,523.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Municipal Resolutions

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Richard Foster, that total Municipal Resolutions be \$1,110,456.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Education Resolution

Richard Foster made a motion, seconded by Mike Babbitt, to include a resolution not to exceed \$30,000 out of Capital Reserve Fund 50 for a School Buildings Security Study at the Elementary and Middle Schools.

The Budget Board discussed that they have not yet received any input or information back from the Police Department regarding their initial analysis of School Security.

The motion and second were withdrawn.

Bill DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Mike Babbitt, to table voting upon the Security Study resolution pending further discussion with the Town Administrator.

The Budget Board discussed that any additional Town revenues should be included in the Budget in the future, and that will be noted in their annual message that accompanies their presented budget. -

Education Budget

Bill McManus made a motion, seconded by Chris Weggeland, that the recommendation for Utilities be reduced by \$30,000.

The Budget Board discussed that based on further review, it seems

this-reduction would be appropriate. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

There were 216 charter tuitions projected this year, and there are currently 216 in place.

There were \$109,864 in total adjustments to the Education Budget suggested by the School Department.

Bidd DiBiasio made a motion, seconded by Rhonda Lacombe, that the Total Education Budget be recommended at \$52,289,543 for an increase of \$1,179,028 or .31%.

This would make the Local Contribution \$40,902,827, for an increase in the Maintenance of Effort of \$660,402. The School Committee's recommendation had been a 2.52% increase and the Town Administrator recommended 2.51%.

The Budget -Board-discussed that there are 153 less students being educated within the system this year, and that the schools should really be looking at ways to decrease their expense, including personnel, next year and they should

know that there will likely be no increases to the budget going forward, that just the Maintenance of effort will be kept.

There are also some things that should be worked on during current negotiations, such as health care co-pays and class sizes.

The motion and second were withdrawn pending a final review of the Education Budget by the Budget Board.

The Budget Board would like to know what the teacher absentee rates are in analysis of sick time.

Budge Board discussed accounts, such as Holding Acct., OJ'her Purchased Prof . Ed i n Fixed Charges, that may have been adjusted by the School Department after the budget was adopted by the Financial Town Meeting.

Public Comment

There were no public comments or questions at the time.

Ad journ

Rhonda Lacombe made a motion, seconded by Mike O'Connell to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.